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**5.2 Independent Clause**

MY SENTENCE: Dancers, singers, and artists have the power to change a person’s perspective or life as well, however this power is not as immediate as a doctor handing out medication, but more of an influence, a voice of reason and power.

EXPLANATION: Use a comma before a coordinating conjunction (and, but, for, nor, or , so, or yet) when it joins independent clauses. I got my information from *Holt Handbook* on page 336.

REVISED EXAMPLE: Dancers, singers, and artists have the power to change a person’s perspective or life as well, but this power is not as immediate as a doctor handing out medication, but more of an influence, a voice of reason and power.

ORIGINAL EXAMPLE: I will work with Sally on pointe, and Taylor will help Meg on flat.